

John F. Kennedy Half Dollars

The John F. Kennedy half dollar is a commemorative coin first minted in 1964, shortly after the assassination of the 35th President of the United States. It was introduced to honor President Kennedy's memory and has been minted continuously since then. The original 1964 version was made of 90% silver, but this was reduced to 40% silver in coins minted from 1965 to 1970. Since 1971, the coin has had no silver content and is instead made of a copper-nickel clad. The half dollar features the profile of John F. Kennedy on the obverse and the Presidential Seal on the reverse. Although it has a face value of fifty cents, it is infrequently used in daily transactions. The coin holds more value for collectors, especially the earlier versions with higher silver content. The Kennedy half dollar represents a significant period in American history and continues to be a popular item for numismatists.